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RUDI - KIDS READY TO GO

— FROM PETER BENT IN PARAGUAY —

Our first opponents will be Paraguay who finished third in the recent South American Youth championship behind Uruguay and Argentina — but ahead of Brazil.

For long one of the underdogs of South American soccer at senior level, Paraguay is a considerable force among juniors.

Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf who saw one of their matches recently in Montevideo was impressed with their tough physical condition as well as technique.

Despite a few minor bruises and general complaints, the Australians are likely to field their strongest team in the city's 50,000 capacity stadium.

While Gutendorf is unlikely to take too many risks in this opening match against the home side, he is determined not to design a defensive game.

Traditionally, South American teams start tournaments at home in a jittery frame of mind because of the high public expectations.

It's up to Young Australia to exploit this.

Then, on Friday, a mere 48 hours later, Australia takes the field again, this time against the even more-unknown Israel.

Gutendorf feels that if we can take three points from these two games, we will be on the way to a tournament victory.

He doesn't allow his young players to attach too much importance to the 3-2 win over Flamengo in Rio.

The 1978 Brazilian champion club fielded their junior team reinforced with only one well-known star, Paulo Cesar Carpegiani — not to be confused with the colored winger Paulo Cesar who is with Botafogo.

Despite some other press reports, neither Toninho nor Zico played in the game.

Even so, the achievement of Young Australia was remarkable; who would have dared imagine even a few short months ago that they can ever take on even Flamengo's reserves.

The austere surroundings of Asuncion make the whole party rather homesick for wonderful Rio.

Despite all the careful planning of the ASF and the Coca-Cola organisations in South America, the team's transfer to Paraguay was "eventful" and for this only the local FA and FIFA can be blamed.

There wasn't a single soul waiting for us at Asuncion airport and the team had to find transport into the city.



There, much to our astonishment, the Guarani hotel knew nothing about our arrival, let alone bookings.

Luckily, they found enough rooms for the whole party. The hotel and the meals can be described as fair.

Gutendorf promptly arranged two training sessions a day and after the first chaotic day the facilities and venues are now acceptable.

Asuncion is a city of some 500,000 people, near the northern border of Argentina; most of the population is either Spanish or Guarani Indian, maybe a mixture of the two.

To add to the confusion, Guarani is also the name of our hotel — and the local currency.

The daytime weather is hot and humid, often close to 40°C, but the evenings are pleasant, about 20-25°C.

All the matches will be played at night, probably starting at 10pm.

The referees will be from North and Central America and they, together with the Israeli team, arrived here a day after us.

Paraguay has no professional soccer. The game is controlled by the Liga Paraguaya de Futbol which was founded in 1906.

They have some 120,000 registered players, all either amateurs or juniors; the few really top stars invariably join the neighbouring clubs in Argentina, Peru, Uruguay or Brazil.

Paraguay will play in their traditional red and white striped shirt and blue shorts.

Pacific Cup!

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The Australian national team could be competing in the first ever Pacific-Oceania Cup by next November.

The Cup is to be modelled along the lines of the European Championship.

Negotiations are taking place behind closed doors with major United States and Japanese sponsors.

No one in high places will admit officially that the scheme is advancing. But it is.

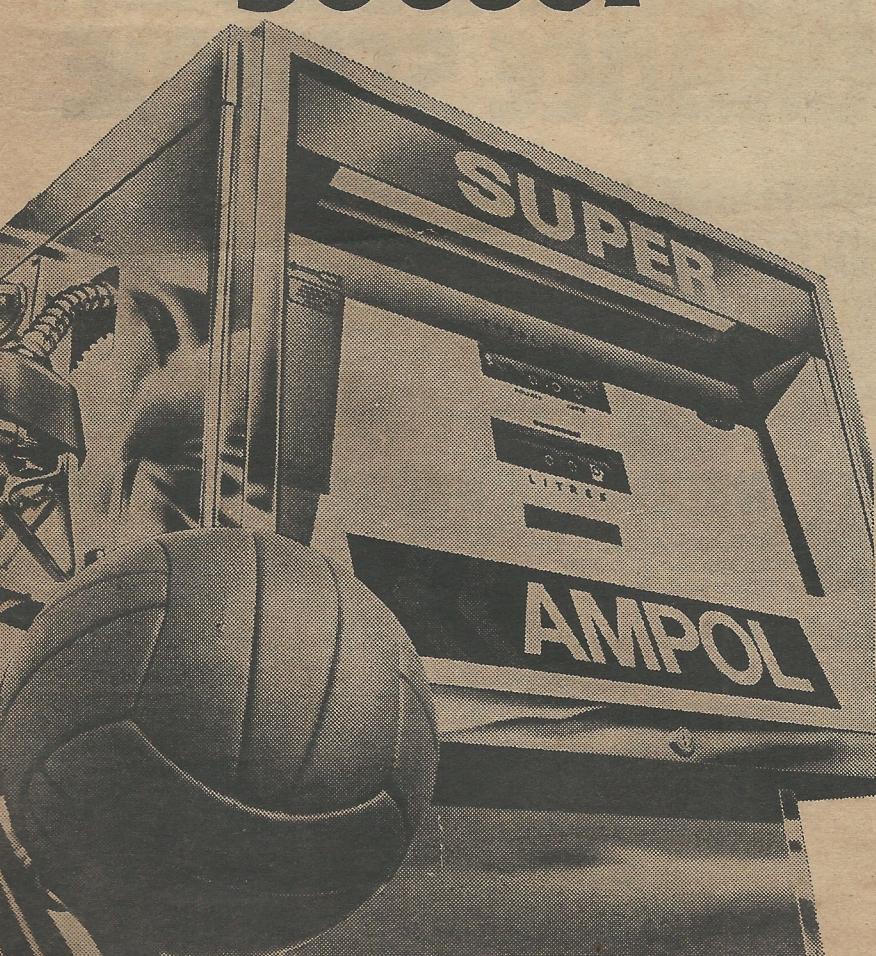
An Australian promoter is involved, and we believe that the Australian Soccer Federation must be aware of the progress made.

Included would be the United States, Canada, the Asian nations as well as Australia and New Zealand.

The series would carry \$200,000 in prizemoney.

It would be in knock-out form and encompass the major nations around the main rim of the Pacific Ocean basin.

The secretariat for the organisation is likely to be either Singapore, Malaysia or Japan.



DRAW PROTEST BEARS FRUIT

Following the ASF's protest, FIFA has changed the draw for the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Cup qualifying matches in Paraguay.

This was done after SOCCER WORLD, both in print and at a Sydney Press conference, pointed out the totally unbalanced draw which put Australia at a disadvantage.

Why FIFA couldn't prepare a fair draw in the first place is better explained by their representative Sepp Blatter, due to arrive here shortly.

This is the new draw:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7: AUSTRALIA v PARAGUAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9: AUSTRALIA v ISRAEL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11: ISRAEL v PARAGUAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14: ISRAEL v AUSTRALIA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16: PARAGUAY v ISRAEL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18: PARAGUAY v AUSTRALIA

Gutendorf is reportedly still unhappy about the draw and wants to protest further — but the ASF has accepted the new situation.

Gutendorf claims that the Aussies have only one day between their first two matches and this is unfair.

However, both Israel and Paraguay also have to play two games in three days once; what's more, this is towards the end when the players are more tired.

AVALA
1 (0)

AVALA: Mikolajczyk (Antonic 77m), R. Griffiths, Deller, Barton, Gray, Kasumovic, Durisic, Rujak, A. Griffiths, Jancek, Kodor.

Goals: 1-0 De Valle (80m), 1-1 Rujak (89m).
Referee: T. Davies. **Crowd:** 2457 (double-header).

TOONGABBIE
1 (0)

TOONGABBIE: James, Finch, Pointer, Parkhouse, Taylor, Hormazabal, Pena, De Valle, Izatt, Cuk, Pollard.

APIA
0 (0)

APIA: McQuire, Skellern, Ankudinoff, Carruthers, Wilson, Noble, Butler, Drewes, Doyle (Samuels 68m), O'Donnell, Vernon.

Referee: R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 2457 (double-header).

SYDNEY CITY
0 (0)

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Kershaw, Treter, Webber, Souness, Stevenson, Watson, Barnes, Campbell, Smith (Amore 46m), Youssiph (Illingworth 61m).

Goal: 0-1 Raskopoulos (75m).
Referee: W. Phelps. **Crowd:** 552 (double header).

REVESBY
0 (0)

REVESBY: Donovan, Adams, R. K. Thorpe, Copas, Pitman, Patterson, Pryor, Gill, Parkins (Power 67m), Byles, McRae.

OLYMPIC
1 (0)

OLYMPIC: Meir, G. Allan (Palmer 80m), Ainslie, Bell, Wilson, Cross, Laing, Raskopoulos, Jamieson, McIntosh, Eaton (Botham 80m).

MARRICKVILLE
1 (1)

MARRICKVILLE: Evans, Kable, Wignall, Penman, Sheldrick, Trianafillis, R. Brown, Thompson, Balafas, Stevenson, Ramisch.

Goals: 1-0 Stevenson (39m), 1-1 Sundstrom (84m).
Referee: O. Pritchard. **Crowd:** 552 (double-header).

AUBURN
1 (0)

AUBURN: Gisbourne, Woods, Cornett, Gary Fairclough, McBranson, Hogg, Auld, Juchniewicz, Tilt, Sundstrom, Hill.

A complete lack of fire power turned this game into a dull and uninspiring midfield battle which was rather boring to watch. Any other result than a draw would have been a great injustice. Toongabbie, with Ricky Hormazabal firing on all cylinders, made enough opportunities to wrap up the game in the first half but his forwards squandered every chance with poor finishing. Avala,

not to be outdone, consistently shot high and wide in the second half. Branko Durisic kept the Avala side moving with some clever openings from midfield, but his efforts were wasted due to lack of support. It was only fitting that both goals were laid down by the best players on the day — Hormazabal for Toongabbie and Durisic for Avala. In each case the scoring of the goal was the simplest of tasks.

— C. Spiteri.

Despite the lack of goals, the teams turned on a top game of entertaining soccer. If anything, APIA were slightly the better side — faster on the ball and extremely dangerous when close. Yet scoring chances were just about equal, with John Doyle hitting the woodwork twice in the first half and Joe Watson repeating the feat in the second half. Once again Eric Carruthers was the mainspring of the

APIA midfield with clever distribution of the ball to keep his team on the move. Another highlight was the non-stop work by youngster Greg Ankudinoff. He showed plenty of talent despite lack of experience. Tony Pezzano in goal made a spectacular double save for City from successive shots by Doyle and Vernon, and absolutely justified his selection.

— C. Spiteri.

Before the game started Sydney Olympic handed over \$1700 for Yugal's brilliant goalkeeper Andy Mandrides. Club president John Constantine commented that his club would give youth a go, and that Andy was worth "every cent of the fee". The team was settled before the kick-off so Andy watched from the bench. Olympic certainly struggled to beat Revesby, from two divisions below them. They played up the middle and lacked

thought and imagination in attack. Once they did play wide, and that resulted in a goal. Peter Raskopoulos broke on the right and swerved infield to hit a hard low shot past Dennis Donovan. Up until the goal Donovan had kept his slate clean, thwarting many Olympic raids with well-timed saves. Best for Olympic were Raskopoulos and Richie Bell, with Donovan and Greg Byles having good games for the Workers.

— S. Mutimer

This was surely one of the hardest fought games of the Cup. Both sides failed to take control of the game, which turned rough with many late tackles. Marrickville opened the scoring through new signing Mick Stephenson. The ball came from the left and there was a mad scramble to clear. It landed at Stephenson's

feet, and he pushed it past the bewildered 'keeper, Ron Gisbourne. The game continued in the same vein as before, but then came Auburn's equaliser. In the 84th minute John Auld centred in from the left, and Barry Sundstrom rose high to knock it in.

— S. Mutimer



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GROUP A

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	2	1	—	5	2	5
Sydney City	1	1	—	3	1	3
Avala	—	2	—	2	2	2
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	1	2	4	1
Toongabbie	1	—	2	3	6	1

GROUP B

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	1	1	1	7	3	3
Sutherland	1	1	—	4	3	3
Bankstown	1	1	1	4	8	3
Monaro	—	2	—	3	3	2
Arndcliffe	—	1	1	3	4	2

GROUP C

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Olympic	2	—	—	3	1	4
Auburn	1	1	—	3	1	3
Yugal	1	—	1	3	3	2
Marrickville	—	2	1	4	5	2
Revesby	—	1	2	2	5	1

GROUP D

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	3	—	—	9	2	6
Croatia	1	—	1	3	3	2
Melita	1	—	1	2	2	2
Manly	1	—	2	4	6	2
Granville	—	2	2	7	—	—

BRISBANE

A recent interview had national coach Gutendorf castigating club managements for their marketing techniques, or should it be lack of them.

On the same day Brisbane City chose to play their first public trial and gave the match the full treatment: Daily press coverage, advertising, Perry Park venue, etc.

The first shock came at the turnstiles when the spectators were asked to pay the full PSL entry of \$2, a ridiculous amount when one considers the standard of the opposition, a poorly performed local league side which actually finished below City's reserve team in last year's competition.

Coach Saftich had given the pot a stir and had utility man Kibbey at sweeper, attacking midfielder Gaffney at fullback, new signing Runje in mid-field and central attacker Coyne at outside left.

For the record City won 5-1 but the damage done to their public image far outweighed any small advantage gained from this "muscle stretch". — Jim Binnie

AMPOL CUP 1979

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MELITA MARCH TOWARDS SEMI-FINAL PLACE

Melita should be on their way to a prestigious position in the Ampol Cup quarter-finals.

They have to overcome Manly at Barton Park on Sunday and follow up with a win over Granville next week.

St. George, with three straight wins, are best dressed in Group D, but Croatia are struggling.

"We are taking nothing for granted, but I admit we are better placed than Croatia, who have to play St. George as well as Granville," said Melita's rising coach, Raul Blanco.

Eight matches are to be played this weekend—at Marconi and Garside on Saturday night, and Seymour Shaw and Barton Park on Sunday afternoon.

MARCONI v ARNCLIFFE

Marconi are in dire straits in their bid to enter the quarter-finals.

With only three points from as many games they would have to win by as many goals as possible to find a place against strong



Keith Schumann, Sutherland's future Socceroo?

opposition from Sutherland, Monaro and, for that matter, Bankstown.

Signing of Eddie Krnecovic from Essendon will do them no good at present because he will not be back from Paraauav until February 21.

Arncliffe have secured Matt Guildea as well as their former striker Derek Sidey and Andy Tracey, and this extra experience will give them the boost necessary to tackle Marconi without fear.

MONARO v SUTHERLAND

Both teams are shaping extremely well, so this is sure to be a spectacular encounter.

As a side issue it gives Marconi another chance to assess Sebastian Giampaoli, the talented Monaro lad who can pass a defender on either side.

There is little between the teams, but Monaro impress as having a little extra in that Sutherland are down both Craig Hall and Mark Harrington, even allowing that Bobby Smith is settling in well.

REVESBY v YUGAL

Yugal are fighting for a quarter-final place with Sydney Olympic and Auburn, and should win due to the extra improvisation that they can introduce to a tight game.

Peter Berry has slotted into the transferred goalkeeper Andy Mandrides' place, and has showed a deal of authority.

Fullback Niti Nitya will be missed, as the young Fijian broke his ribs in the Marrickville Olympic game.

Revesby, it should be said, have done unexpectedly well in the promotion series and Ampol Cup, and should have a good season ahead.

SYDNEY OLMPIC v AUBURN

With Willie Hamilton out, Auburn have lost the playmaker they needed to really worry a somewhat sluggish Olympic.

Do not forget, however, that Dave McIntosh cracked in a hat-trick in the Melbourne trial against Fitzroy.

Peter Raskopoulos' withdrawal for personal reasons from the South American tour was a tragedy, but it has left him in the position to bolster Olympic's midfield.

Barry Sundstrom has shown scoring potential for Auburn, and it is good to see Juchniewicz back on the job.

—By KEITH GILMOUR—

KU-RING-GAI v SYDNEY CITY

This is a big task for the game young Ku-ring-gai side, but Albert Kinsey is in the box seat to show up well for them against his former club.

Even the delay in Eddie Thomson's return has not affected City's style. They should win and win well.

It cannot be expected that Gerry Chaldi will introduce his Brazilian youngsters Cornelio Borges, Marcos Silva and Mozart Fonseca at this stage.

APIA v AVALA

APIA have done everything asked of them so far, but it will do them a lot of good if enthusiastic Avala give them a good run for their money.

Zoran Durisic's arrival from St. George gives Avala much more hope to compete in midfield.

They will need to finish off strongly, however, as APIA must keep proving to their fans that they are both winners and crowd pullers.



Melita's Phil Mikas.

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THIS WEEK:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Marconi v Arncliffe	7.30pm	Marconi Oval
Monaro v Sutherland	9.15pm	Marconi Oval
Revesby v Yugal	7.30pm	Garside Park
Olympic v Auburn	9.15pm	Garside Park

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Ku-ring-gai v Sydney City	2.15pm	Seymour Shaw
APIA v Avala	4.00pm	Seymour Shaw
Manly v Melita	2.15pm	Barton Park
Croatia v Granville	4.00pm	Barton Park

NEXT WEEK:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Toongabbie v Ku-ring-gai	7.30pm	Garside Park
Avala v Sydney City	9.15pm	Garside Park
Melita v Granville	7.30pm	Marconi Oval
St. George v Croatia	9.15pm	Marconi Oval

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Revesby v Monaro	2.15pm	Seymour Shaw
Arncliffe v Sutherland	4.00pm	Seymour Shaw
Yugal v Auburn	2.15pm	Barton Park
Marrickville v Olympic	4.00pm	Barton Park

MANLY v MELITA

Don't expect Manly to give in to Melita — they have potentially their best team ever.

Melita can mount attacks from every point of the compass, and their displays are earning them more support from the hitherto uncommitted fans.

Mick Banks and David Jack have both been on the scoring list for Manly but their team will need to score two or more if they are to worry the fast-moving Eagles.

CROATIA v GRANVILLE

If the Magpies are to do any good this season they need as many as two more skilful and experienced players to supplement the controlled work put in by Billy Fraser.

Their problems call for the sort of work that Bruce Stowell put in for Pan Hellenic two and three seasons back.

Croatia have produced another promising youngster in Andrew Kovacic, but they have a long way to go to be the side they were in 1977/78.

Still, Granville do not seem to have the team at this stage to offer them strong resistance.

GROUP A

	APIA	Sydney	Avala	Toongabbie	Ku-ring-gai	Toongabbie
APIA	::	0-0			3-1	2-1
Sydney	0-0	::			3-1	3-1
Avala	1-3		1-1		1-1	1-1
Ku-ring-gai	1-2	1-3	1-1		1-1	1-1
Toongabbie					1-2	1-2

GROUP B

	Marconi	Sutherland	Monaro	Bankstown	Arncliffe
Marconi	::	1-2	1-1	5-0	
Sutherland	2-1	::		2-2	
Monaro	1-1		::	2-1	
Bankstown	0-5	2-2		1-2	
Arncliffe		2-2		1-2	

GROUP C

	Olympic	Auburn	Rugal	Marrickville	Revesby
Olympic	::		2-1	1-0	
Auburn		::		1-1	2-0
Rugal	1-2	::		2-1	
Marrickville	1-1	1-2	::	2-1	
Revesby	0-1	0-2	1-2		

GROUP D

	St. George	Croatia	Manly	Melita	Granville
St. George	::		2-1	2-0	5-0
Croatia		::	3-1	0-2	
Manly	1-2	1-3	::		2-1
Melita	0-2	2-0		::	
Granville	0-5		1-2		

WENTWORTH PARK STILL AVAILABLE

Sydney City, lessees of Wentworth Park, are optimistic that the ground will be available for Philips League fixtures for the 1979 season.

Reports have been published that the ground will be out of action for the entire coming season.

"There is no change to our original agreement that building of the new stand for the National Coursing Association will not start before July," Sydney City secretary Harry Lakmeyer said.

The club hopes that they will get the full season in at the ground.

APIA's hopes are high as well.

They agreed to share Wentworth Park for the year.

Sydney City believe they will be using the ground after building starts.

The arrangement originally was that the playing pitch and the far side would be available whilst the new 6000-seat stand is constructed.

The present position is that the NCA is believed to wish to modernise the greyhound track, which is not of regulation design.

Under the circumstances there could be a problem for soccer.

It is to be hoped that Sydney City's views prevail.

Wentworth Park may not be the most modern of grounds, and certainly the new stand will be a tremendous boon.

But neither Sydney City nor APIA can afford to be without it this year.

And Sydney Olympic are waiting for a council decision on their new ground.

It could be out this week.

—K. G.

BIG MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

These were the highlights of the Australia XI v Wisla game:

11th min.: In the first threatening attack of the match Wisla score. This brilliant fullback Motyka beats Barnes on the right to cross, and Kmiecik robs O'Connor to score from close in. 0-1.

20th min.: Kropinski curls over a fine corner from the right and it takes a last minute finger tip save by Maher to tap the ball over the bar.

21st min.: Maculewicz, in an all too rare foray upfield, shows his power by bursting past Barnes and O'Connor before blasting the ball wide.

25th min.: The Aussies strike back when a fluid move results in O'Shea supplying Sharne with a fine chipped pass, only to see Gonet throw himself into Sharne's venomous shot to save.

35th min.: Maculewicz sends a 35-metre curling pass into Motyka's path, but the defender's cross is headed harmlessly high.

43rd min.: Another fast, inter-passing move by Australia, this time finished off with a goal. Picaone, seeing Sharne dashing along the touchline, releases a fine ball into his path. The winger then hits a low driving cross which Jankovics meets with force and sends wide of the despairing Gonet.

46th min.: Heart flutters amongst the fans as replacement winger Wrobel sends a pulled back across into the Australian penalty area, which Kropinski just fails to meet.

49th min.: Kmiecik lets fly from

—By STEPHEN DETTRE —

20 metres but Maher sees it in plenty of time and pushes it around the post for a corner.

51st min.: Silva repeats Kropinski's 20th minute effort by also sending a fine bending corner over from the right, forcing the ungrateful looking Gonet to tip over the bar.

52nd min.: No luck again for Kropinski, as a fine cross from Motyka lands just behind as he bursts into the Australian area.

53rd min.: Barnes wastes a golden opportunity after a defensive error. Budka swipes at a loose ball, skying it, but instead of controlling the ball and moving in on goal, Barnes takes a wild shot from 25 metres and is well wide.

54th min.: Motyka confirms his brilliance with a dazzling run and some clever ball work in the right corner before sending a chest height ball over to the waiting Kropinski. The striker leaps a few short feet to meet the ball and like a rocket side foot volleys home a spectacular goal.

68th min.: Motyka, still roaming upfield, tries a shot and forces a fine save from Maher.

71st min.: Targosz, a 63rd minute replacement, quickly gets involved and tries a sweetly taken 25-metre shot which Maher not only reaches, but holds.

74th min.: Australia fail to move the ball out of midfield and Targosz robs O'Shea before again trying a shot. This time Maher sees it too late and is content to palm it over the bar.

75th min.: Boden, on for some 10 minutes, finally gets involved

and inspires a dangerous Australian attack. Prompting from midfield, he gives Jankovics a chance, then picks up the loose ball on the right before turning Plaszewski and crossing to Souness who can't direct his header.

76th min.: O'Shea takes a freekick on the right after Barnes is "sandwiched" off the ball. The cross floats over, but Souness, ghosting in from the far side, can only turn the ball the wrong side of the left hand upright.

79th min.: Boden, who looks out of condition, shows an amazing lack of concentration when he strikes a weak backpass to Maher from 35 metres out. Kmiecik gleefully accepts the opportunity and races towards the goal.

Maher dashes out and tries to smother the ball just on the edge of the area, but gets an unlucky break and sees the ball fly over him and back into Kmiecik's path. This goal ends Australia's hopes of a draw.

81st min.: Barnes and Boden combine on the right, but the cross is long and although Sharne races in and meets it, his shot is wild and harmlessly to the ball boys.

83rd min.: Kmiecik bursts through the middle of the Australian defence, double passes with Kapka to round Henderson, but then cracks a ground shot outside of the far post.

85th min.: Budka, for most of the match content to roam up and help in midfield but not strike forward himself, combines with Kmiecik but hits his dipping shot over the bar.



Steve O'Connor, one of the members of the growing camp of mustachioed players, is beaten to the ball.

MOTYKA WAS WISLA STAR

This is how I saw the Wisla players:

1. STANISLAW GONET: A goalkeeper who looked very unlike a goalkeeper. Compared with the Yugoslav and Greek goalkeepers seen in recent months he looked positively ungainly, with a stooped posture. However, he acquitted himself well, and was totally dominant in his penalty area. He made one brilliant save from Sharne, and could do little about the goal.

2. MAREK MOTYKA: The perfect, modern defender; tough and sound in defence, but a brilliant attacker, always eager to race along the flank and create the extra man. He was responsible for two of the Wisla goals, and proved more than a handful for an out-of-touch Degney. His ball control was superb and, like all the Wisla team, moved with a supple elegance when in possession. The best man on the field until replaced when injured.

3. HENRYK MACULEWICZ: Usually a left back, Maculewicz had to play stopper because of Szymonowski's absence. Possibly he was dissatisfied with this arrangement for he never really got involved in the game, playing at an almost training game pace. He seemed content to let the younger players around him do the running, the fetching and carrying, while he controlled the rhythm of the team at the back. By no means as impressive as Motyka, in some ways his attitude reminded one of Bogicevic who also cantered through matches with Red Star when they toured.

4. ZBIGNIEW PLASZEWSKI: For the first half he played in the centre of the defence alongside Budka, but was switched to left back after halftime to mark Silva or Sharne. Passive as far as attacking was concerned, preferring to hang back as cover.

5. KRYSZTOF BUDKA: This 20-year-old stopper played a very cultured game for one so young. He combined effectively with both Plaszewski and Maculewicz, knowing exactly what the others in defence wanted and where to go to help out. He too, like Motyka, was eager to roam upfield, though perhaps not with as much penetration. A talented player whom we could well hear much more of in the future.

6. LESZEK LIPKA: Worked like a terrier for the entire first half, but then seemed to tire in the second

period. He was the pivot around which nearly all Wisla attacks started, winning midfield duels and supplying team mates with accurate passes.

7. JANUSZ SKROBOWSKI: Was only on for one half, and was assigned mainly to destructive marking duties. He struck very tightly to Sharne, and was able to match our speedster, thus blotting him out — except for one fatal lapse. A young blonde player, he was unable to show his full range of skills, but performed his task well.

8. ZDZISLAW KAPKA: He didn't enforce any authority on the Wisla attack which, overall, was not as powerful looking as that of Vardar Skopje, preferring to leave this to Kmiecik and Kropinski. Kapka's role seemed to be as support man to the attack, following up as a "second wave".

9. ADAM NAWALKA: A big disappointment after the build-up he received as a future star for Poland's national team. He was very passive, compared to the others in the forward line, and had no chance on goal throughout.

10. KAZIMERZ KMIECIK: Wisla's most dangerous striker, he seemed to have that lucky knack of being in the right place at the right time to score two "gift" goals. He combined well with Kropinski in some double pass moves and was always willing to try with a shot. Admittedly, it was not until the second half that he found his long range shooting boots, but overall turned in a fine performance.

11. JANUSZ KROPINSKI: The busiest players in the forward line, Kropinski came close several times before scoring a truly superb goal to give Wisla the lead for the second time. He was always running, creating space for himself and his colleagues, and at 20 has a great future ahead of him.

13. ANDRZEJ TARGOSZ: A 63rd minute replacement, this young midfielder showed a fair deal of skill and quickly got into the rhythm of the match. A slightly built player, he packed a fair wallop in his shot and came close a couple of times.

14. KAZIMIERZ GAZDA: Was on for 20 minutes and never got fully into the swing of things.

15. MICHAL WROBEL: Started the second half as replacement promisingly when he gave Kropinski the opportunity to score. Though listed as a midfielder he was mainly used as an extra man to give width and was an accurate passer of the ball.

—S.D.

Parklea moves

The NSW Federation's Parklea project is making slow but certain progress.

So far the Federation has obtained approval in principle from the planning authorities and police to its project.

The first stage is to be the upgrading of the existing playing area, which is next to changing room facilities and the swimming pool.

Then three more fields for coaching use are to be established.

The Federation may have to lease part of the property to the Sport and Recreation Dept. in order to qualify for a State grant to further the work.

This is designed to cover the fact that public funds will be spent on private land, as the public is supposed to be assured that they will get use from the developments.

The Federation believes, however, that the Government could rely on its constitution, which indicates that the assets can only be used for the sport, which is itself the community service in question.

—K.G.

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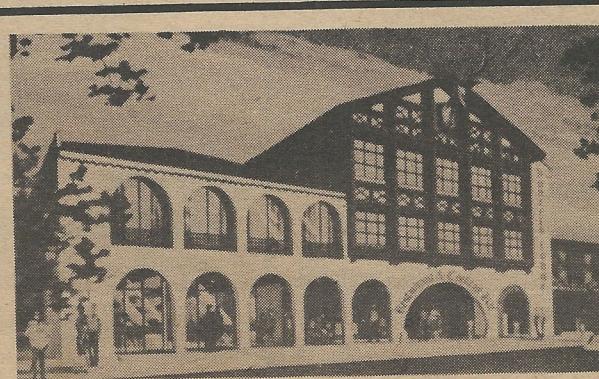
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Applying a fair measure of charity, one should perhaps postpone judgment of the new-look Australian XI, following their debut against Wisla Krakow.

The Poles won 3-1 rather effortlessly — and giving a disappointingly mediocre, colorless display.

Surely they will play somewhat differently in the quarterfinal of the European Cup next month against Malmo ...

This was the first time this Australian XI played together — and their display clearly showed it.

Also, it was impossible to expect a better performance from the majority of players so early in the season; many of them, including Silva, Boden, Perry and Piciaone, have had only a few training runs this year.

Possibly it was a mistake by Les Scheinflug to build a team so blatantly on Marconi (FIVE players), the most disappointing so far of the five PSL clubs in Sydney.

But let's hasten to admit that with another dozen variations and permutations, the result would have been probably the same.

The Australians, in the first half, gave a wretched display; it took them 25 minutes to threaten the Wisla goal.

By that time the visitors were leading 1-0 with Kmiecik's easy

— By ANDREW DETTRE —

goal, thanks to a double-blunder by Degney and Steve O'Connor.

Wisla's brilliant right fullback Motyka toyed with Degney throughout the game and was perhaps the most dangerous Polish raider.

Despite Wisla's oppressive superiority in the first half — the score stood at a very respectable 1-1.

Two minutes from halftime Piciaone glided past two defenders, laid on a perfect pass to Sharne whose cross was one-timed into the corner by Jankovics.

In the 53rd Misla regained the lead. Motyka left everybody behind with his powerful overlapping run on the right, slipped the ball in and Kropinski couldn't miss.

Still, the Australian XI showed definite signs of improvement in the second half.

Piciaone began to move the midfield with crisp passes and Boden, a late replacement, took on more responsibility than did Silva before him.

Wisla seemed content with their lead; there was neither any urgency nor any real determination in their play.

Their two World Cup stars, Maculewicz and Nawalka, were actually loafing throughout the game, while their attack was the weakest we have seen from a visiting European team for many a year.

Given more time and space, the

Australian XI crept back into the picture and with better finishing, could have even drawn level.

But 12 minutes from the end the otherwise useful Boden sealed his own team's fate.

A careless, short backpass didn't reach Maher who collided with Kmiecik; the ball stayed with the Pole who pushed it into the empty net.

The disappointingly small crowd's passion was never aroused by this 90-minute confrontation.

Wisla, escaping from the Polish off-season and snowbound Krakow, obviously regarded the game — as visitors usually do — as a pleasant diversion.

It's becoming rather irritating that our officials cannot induce, even cajole, a top European team to show us what they are really capable of.

Against this background, it's impossible to assess the Australian XI's strength, though not many flattering epithets can be found for our team on this performance.

For the first 60 minutes or so Australia was totally disjointed, playing haphazard soccer, straining to tame the simplest of balls or to execute the most routine moves.

Every sign of finesse and improvisation was absent from our game — the old, old Australian soccer malady ...

They were not bad — simply ordinary. Like so many other Australian XIs before them.

It's very difficult to imagine that the fastidious Gutendorf could ever base his future Socceroo team on this squad.

The defence is unnervingly naive, the midfield lightweight and the attack cumbersome and transparent.

To put it bluntly: there isn't enough class in this team; the basic skill quotient is disturbingly low.

This is no fault of the coach, Les Scheinflug; two or three training runs will not equip ordinary players with clairvoyance or easy ball handling qualities.

Just one more point: it would be good to know what sort of masochistic flair could induce officials to appoint once again, an Englishman as captain (Henderson), a new cap, at that — when eight of the 11 players are Australians?

AUSTRALIAN XI: Maher, Perry, S. O'Connor, Henderson, Degney, J. O'Shea, Barnes, Piciaone (Souness 73m), Sharne, (P. O'Connor 84m), Jankovics, Silva (Boden 61m).

WISLA KRAKOW: Gonet, Motyka (Gazda 70m), Maculewicz, Plaszewski, Budka, Nawalka, Kmiecik, Kapka, Lipka, Skrobowski (Wrobel 46m), Kropinski (Targosz 63m).

Goals: 0-1 Kmiecik (11m), 1-1 Jankovics (43m), 1-2 Kropinski (53m), 1-3 Kmiecik (78m).

Referee: T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 7000 (estimate: no official figure available).



Wisla's brilliant young fullback, Motyka, steams past a helpless Silva.

Maher, Piciaone — pick of Aust. XI

None of the Australian displays would have warmed the demanding Teutonic heart of Rudi Gutendorf, mercifully absent in Paraguay.

Performances

Disregarding outside factors — few training sessions, early season, etc. — this is how we saw them:

MAHER: Couldn't be blamed for any of the goals but saved some fierce shots. Appeared a bit timid in goalmouth scenes but was still, perhaps, our best man.

PERRY: This was a tame terrier, not the version which revelled in the battle last season. His poor technique became evident whenever it was his task to launch attacks. Unlikely to be our man of the future.

S. O'CONNOR: Started very shakily and improved only marginally later. When confronted with the wallpassing Poles, his main asset — speed — was lost. Can take part of the blame for the first two goals.

HENDERSON: Wasn't the kingpin one had expected; not even a Peter Wilson near his best.

His passing was average and lost

quite a few balls; his lack of speed

led to some crude fouls. However,

with better partners likely to im-

prove vastly.

DEGNEY: Had one of his worst matches for some time; was non-

plussed by the methods of the

fast interchanging Poles leaving

him in a vacuum. Two of the

goals are partly on his cons-

cience. Like Perry, he is unlikely to be Gutendorf's permanent choice.



Alan Maher.

J. O'SHEA: Did very few things wrong — but few things well, either; as so often in the past for his club, he was grey and indifferent. Despite his obvious talents will never be a top midfielder without much more enterprise and involvement.

BARNES: Fought his heart out — but gave only an inkling of his true ability. Obviously out of touch, he looked sluggish and angular; his lack of mobility contributed to the vast inferiority of the Australian midfield.

PICIAONE: Was one of the pleasant surprises of the team. After a slow, almost embarrassed start, his confidence grew and his ball-playing abilities lifted him above all other field players. A very definite Socceroo prospect.

SHARNE: Occasionally dangerous, this speedy winger was seldom used properly. Never

noted for his combinative sense, he was in his element when launched with the proper throughballs. Has a definite Socceroo career ahead of him.

JANKOVICS: Battled gamely but vainly in the clutches of the two Polish centrebacks; escaped once only and scored a perfect goal. Would be probably more effective on the flank or even in midfield than at central striker where his limited agility goes against him.

SILVA: Showed flashes of his skills but never really got going; often got lost in his own intricate patterns. Despite his undoubtedly value to his club, unlikely to be a serious Socceroo candidate.

P. O'CONNOR, SOUNESS and BODEN: Played only for a short period. Even so, Boden managed to prove that the moment he becomes naturalised he will walk into the Socceroo team.

— A.D.

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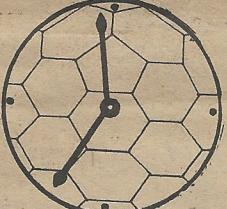
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Mt. Pritchard (6th Div.) have appointed Nicoco Poulos, ex-Pan-Hellenic, as the club's Federation squad coach. Last season Vic was with the Kingsford club and his assistant, Bosko Knezevic, has been with the Marconi club in '77 and Lethbridge Park in '78. The club played its first senior trials against Yagoona at Joe Broad Park last weekend. Mt. Pritchard took out both matches 3-2 with reserve grade goal scorers R. Gurr (2), I. Wilson (1) and first grade goal scorers being S. McCartley (2) and D. Smith (1).

Auburn Jnr. (5th Div.) have retained their senior coach, Nelson Stiffer, for the coming season. Six trial matches have been arranged from February 27. Training has begun with a very good attendance. The club has spent \$3500 in updating the lighting facilities at Progress Park to give the club one of the best training grounds in the district to cater for senior and junior soccer as well as the club's 26 netball teams.

Pagewood (5th Div.) is looking forward to the new season, having retained ex-Prague player Paul Taliana as the club's senior coach. The club is currently looking for a replacement for Michael Vasin, first grade goalkeeper, who will be making a 12-month overseas trip shortly.

Campbelltown City (3rd Div.) have re-signed Alan Street as coach for the next two seasons. This move, in addition to many recruited new players, is a step in a set plan to get the club promoted to 2nd Division. With three training nights a week, the teams are shaping up well, with one new player, Tommy Stein, an ex-Ku-ring-gai member, showing much promise. The club has much strength in having three goalkeepers, all of first grade material.

West St. George (5th Div.) will be competing in the Moorebank Summer Cup minor finals next weekend for the second consecutive year. The club's '78 coach, Bob Chalmers, will not be able to take up the position again this year due to work commitments and club secretary John Evans has been unable to find a replacement to date. The club's first trials will be against Ashcroft on February 18.

Ashcroft (3rd Div.) have gained three new players for the new season: Nick Cosentino, a defender from Kiev, and two midfielders, Steven Dowers and Peter Rowlands, both from Polonia. In a friendly clash last weekend Ashcroft held Baulkham Hills (2nd Div.) to a 2-2 draw, with the goal of the match being scored by Brian De Celis.

Riverstone-Schofields (3rd Div.) have started training under Pat Hughes as the new coach. Pat has played for Australia and was coach of Sutherland two seasons ago.

Blacktown Wanderers (6th Div.) are finding that success does not always bring good tidings. Being undefeated in 3rd division Sydney Amateur League and receiving acceptance into Federation, the club has since lost the services of their coach and several key players: R. Muscat to Toongabbie, T. Falzon to Inter Monaro, M. Bonnici to Blacktown Utd., and G. Falzon to Melita.

Lane Cove (2nd Div.) have selected Jock Aird, former Scottish international, as their senior coach once again. Jock was previously the club's coach in 1976 and 1977, winning promotion both years. The club played a benefit match against ex-1st Division players such as Dave Harding, John Rozendaal and Adrian Smith. The match was played at Riverview College to a 2-2 draw.

Macquarie University (5th Div.) will begin training under Clive Diamond on Wednesdays at Macquarie Uni Sports Field. The club has four grades — 1st and 2nd in Federation and 3rd and 4th in the Gladesville-Hornsby Association. Last year's young, keen players will be back again after the uni break, though the club lacks a coach. It is hoped to have this position finalised shortly.

Camden (6th Div.) has appointed Brian Trubshaw as senior coach with squad managers Michael Wales and Terry Arduen. The 1979 Camden Cup will be conducted on March 18 at Ponderosa Park. The prize money is \$200 first and \$40 second.

Eastwood St. Andrews (4th Div.) is planning to give the youngsters a sporting chance this season. After uniting with St. Andrew's club last year the new club is now richly blessed with young talent. About 40 Federation squad members will be spending the weekend of March 10-11 in a training camp at Narrabeen. The activities in the camp will include training, lectures and social activities.

Paddington Spanish (4th Div.) have lost the use of Soccer Centre, Bankstown, as their home ground. The club is presently negotiating for another.

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CLUB PATROL

Edited by Stephen Dettre

An English autograph hunter has gone to extraordinary lengths to track down some former England internationals, but is missing two early 60s players. The players he is interested in are ALBERT DOUGLAS HOLDEN, ex-Bolton and Preston, and THOMAS GARRETT, ex-Blackpool and Millwall. If anyone knows where these two players now reside, contact the "hunter": PETER STEVENS, 8 Luff Close, Windsor, Berkshire, England.

Yugal's new second grade coach is IHSAN KARACAN, an ex-Turkish First Division player in the 1950s. The second team trains at Centennial Park, and any player interested should contact Yugal — 211-2563.

Arcliffe Scots' defender STEVE BLACKBURN will be out of action for at least two weeks as a result of a car accident in which his foot was run over. Steve's big toe was badly damaged, losing a fair amount of skin, but there is no permanent damage.

Yugal's Fijian defender NITI NITYA was injured in the last few minutes of the match against Marrickville Olympic and after the match complained of widespread body pains. He was taken to Parramatta Hospital, but finally released after 24 hours' observation, the ailment being diagnosed as badly bruised chest muscles.

Auburn's young second grade stopper GLEN FAIRCOUGH, who was on the YOUNG AUSTRALIAN team's standby list, has been affected by the injections he had, just in case, and has been ill for the past week or so.

DR BENCE MAROZEK has returned to St. George after a few years' absence to be the club's honorary physician.



Auburn have gained a 24-year-old striker in RAY SUNDRUM, a former St. George player who has been living in Cairns for the past two years. While in Queensland, Ray played amateur football, but Auburn hope he will be an asset.

Two 15-year-old lads have been given runs in some of Auburn's Ampol Cup matches recently. BRETT WOODS, a defender, and NEIL BLUNDELL, a striker, are being blooded by the club as a part of the gradual process of weaning youngsters into the top sides from junior ranks.

Ku-ring-gai are still waiting to hear what decision Marconi will make over STUART ROBERTSON, the player on loan to the North Shore club in 1978. Ku-ring-gai are keen to have him play again, and are anxious to hear from Marconi about the possibility of a transfer.



Willie Hamilton — still on transfer.

WILLIE HAMILTON, although transfer listed by Auburn, is still training and playing with the club. Willie injured himself in Auburn's last match, but should be fit by the weekend.

CROATIA, who have lost Bob Russell and still know little about the future plans of Ian Stone, are reluctant to spend big on their 1979 team. "Finances are tight and also we want to know about the PSL promotion system before we bring further sacrifices," says coach ATTILA ABONYI.

A new signing for Toongabbie is PETER CUK, the former Yugal utility player.

Arcliffe Scots were negotiating with Toongabbie for their centre back, BOB OLDHAM, and were confident that by Thursday they would sign the former 'Gabbie captain.

St. George's newly appointed sales manager, ALAN BARTON, is starting to organise several projects to promote the team and get larger, more vocal crowds along to Barton Park. One of the more promising plans is a supporters' club, and anyone interested in joining should contact him at the club.

St. George coach JOE GELEI calls his team's headquarters a "hospital". Injured are George Harris, John O'Shea, Nigel Groome, Stefan Matic and Rudi Gnavi, while Nev Morgan is having tests for a stomach disorder.

The Arcliffe Scots Junior Association's REGISTRATION DAYS will be on February 10 and 11 at Arcliffe Park, Arcliffe, along Wollongong Road. Registrations will be taken between 1pm and 3pm on both days.

Young Socceroo captain IAN ROWDEN expects to take up a business studies course at the NSW Institute of Technology this year, and late addition to the team PETER KATHOLOS will study electronics.

Arcliffe's DAVE BUTLER will be out of action for a week as a result of a pinched nerve in his leg which has been giving him some pain when playing.

Ku-ring-gai's ace striker in 1978, GRAHAM FIRRELL, is still out of action with a damaged knee, and the club hopes he makes a quick recovery to regain his first team position.

Toongabbie will open their new GABBLE SOCCER STADIUM on March 18, the first day of the State League, when they play Melita Eagles. The ground will be opened by the Premier, NEVILLE WRAN, while the Minister for Sport and Recreation, KEN BOOTH, will also be present. A festival day is planned to crown another fine achievement by this forward-looking club.

The unfortunate withdrawal of PETER RASKOPOULOS in very difficult personal circumstances from the Young Socceroos' team left Paul Kay as the youngest player in the team.

Toongabbie are waiting, though none too patiently it seems, for a firm decision on which club actually owns ALAN FISHER and DAVID HARDING. The Gabbie are interested in buying both players, and the players are equally keen to join the progressive club, but the transfer is bogged down. It seems APIA disclaim any responsibility for the players, and Gabbie wonder how an "amateur" club such as Wests can hold professional players. The ASF has been approached by the Toongabbie club and are expected to make a decision soon.

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KATHY ON THE BALL



Kathy Vivian, 9 (pictured), and Tommy Noble, also 9, who lead Canberra City's massive junior membership drive which also embraces schools.

Canberra City

Canberra City coach Victor Fernandez flew to Perth last week to watch local clubs in action. Consequently, two players from Western Australia are expected to join the club ranks.

The local television station, CTC7, may televise the Newcastle v Canberra City Prime Minister's Cup tie live to Canberra residents. Should this eventuate, the publicity value to the club will be invaluable, while the local commercial station will be assured of a large audience.

Newly-wed Canberra City forward Terry Byrne, recently back from Britain, obviously couldn't wait to enjoy the sun — and was promptly admitted to hospital suffering from extreme sunburn. The fair skinned Terry should recover soon. Meanwhile, club officials hope that the striker will confine his "scorching displays" to the soccer field . . .

Canberra City pre-season fixtures have been announced. On February 10 the team plays Figtree at Hawker Oval; on February 25, Brisbane City at Bruce. Away games are against South Melbourne on February 18 and Newcastle on March 4 (Prime Minister's Cup).

Canberra City have signed a new player — George Bailey, 21, who previously played in the Manchester United Central League side and was recently on loan to Doncaster Rovers. Bailey, a striker, is expected within three weeks, as is Mike Smith, a Stoke City defender.

David Lindemeyer, Canberra City's young reserve goalkeeper, is expected to return to Canberra by February 10. He has spent the last six weeks as a guest of the Dutch champions, PSV Eindhoven. No doubt the coaching he has received in Holland will stand him in good stead for the coming season. With the acquisition of Steve Hoszowski, Canberra can now be proud of having two young Australian goalkeepers who should acquit themselves well in 1979.

— P. Kunz

AMATEURS IN UPROAR

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

A motion to bar residents from outside NSW from executive positions in the NSW Amateur Federation will be tabled at Saturday's annual meeting at the Revesby Worker's Club.

The secretary, Eric Drury, has raised this astonishing motion.

The president of the Southern NSW Branch of the Federation, Jock Cairns, is a resident of Canberra.

He told us from his Canberra home that "it's a well known fact throughout amateur soccer that I am the one that it is aimed at."

"After all, who else of the executive comes from over the border?"

He also points out that his aim has always been to bring any junior player in Australian amateur soccer through to play for Australia, if it was possible.

It is certain that Southern NSW, and surely the rest of the country, will put thumbs down on the motion.

The situation arose from a move to balance up country competitions in the part of NSW that the NSW Amateurs are involved in by including the ACT with Riverina, Southern and Western NSW Branches.

ACT and Southern officials saw this as an even four-way competition, rather than having three teams.

It would be difficult indeed to refute the logic of the move.

What if ACT is over the border?

The NSW Federation accepts Inter Monaro into the State League. It is in Queanbeyan, NSW, but draws a high percentage of its players from Canberra, where its most attractive matches are played.

Are they to be barred from playing in NSW as an extension of the "logic" of the motion?

The Albury-Wodonga Association draws teams, club and association officials from over the Victorian side, Albury being on the NSW bank and Wodonga being across the river.

Are they to be split up?

Should NSW reject Cann River from the Far Coast Association because its officials and players are in Victoria?

The Northern NSW State League will include Twin Towns when it starts its State League.

The "terrible twins" are Tweed Heads (NSW) and Coolangatta (Qld).

Perhaps it is contended that their potentially big club must be broken up! Come on!

DIXIE READY TO SING MELODY

— By Vic Migliaccio —

Adelaide City's colorful, brilliant, but controversial, striker, Dixie Deans, is determined to make 1979 his best Australian season.

If he succeeds, this talented team may at last fulfil all its potential.

In this interview Dixie outlines his hopes and ambitions.

SW: In 1977 you topped the scoring list for the PSL and in a recent daily newspaper report, Adelaide City's new coach Rale Rasic said that you are at the peak of fitness. Can you top it again in 1979?

DD: I'm looking forward to the new season. I feel very fresh with all the pre-season training which I missed out on last year. Yes, I think I can achieve that.

SW: With you back in top form, a new coach, new signings in Russell from Sydney, Dods from New Zealand and young Spanks from West Australia, do you think that Adelaide City can win the PSL title?

DD: Adelaide City was very unlucky not to win the flag in 1977. In my opinion the main reason was the lack of a good pool of reserve players. However, 1979 should be your year. For sure, yes, we will go very close.

SW: What is your secret for your ability of scoring goals; what advice would you give to a young striker if he wished to become as good as you?

DD: There's a knack to it. The youngsters should work hard at training, learn to read the game and be sharp when in scoring position at all times.

SW: Going back to your golden days, what year did you join Celtic from Motherwell and how much was the transfer fee?

DD: I joined Celtic from Motherwell in 1971 for the fee of \$20,000 and played for Celtic until 1976. At the end of the 1976 season I was transferred to Luton Town. Things weren't working out for me. Then I received an offer from Carmine Picarello, secretary of Adelaide City at that time, to join Adelaide City, and here I am.

SW: I understand that you have a lot of respect for former Celtic coach, now Scotland's boss, Jock Stein?

DD: A tremendous respect. In 1971 Jock signed me up for Celtic while I was on a seven-week suspension. You see, my big mouth used to get me into a lot of trouble those days.

SW: You have represented Scotland. Can you tell us of your most memorable experiences that you can recall during that time?

DD: My biggest thrill was running through the tunnel to the ground at Hampden Park the first time I was capped for Scotland. I think it was that national guernsey that I was wearing that did it.

SW: Could you form an opinion on Adelaide City (Juventus) as a club?

DD: The club is very professional, with a great committee. Fantastic people, they will do anything for you. Here I must mention the club's chairman Charlie Caruso, a very hard working person. For Charlie, for the club and its supporters ... 1979 is our year!

PS: Last Monday night Deans' comeback trial got bogged down: Shortly after coming on as a second half replacement, he was sent off for allegedly striking an opponent.

CC'S DEFENCE NOW STRONGER

— From PETER KUNZ —

While other PSL clubs are gaining valuable pre-season practice in the Ampol Cup, Canberra City players are training under the experienced eye of their new manager-coach, Victor Fernandez.

For Canberra City fans and Canberra's soccer "addicts" the summer soccer "withdrawal period" is now at an end and, as many would testify, life is now returning to normal . . .

Fans, previously deprived of soccer news, are now gratefully receiving their pre-season rations.

Canberra City is gearing itself to meet the strenuous demands of the impending season.

The Canberra City defence is strengthened with the signings of Steve Hoszowski as goalkeeper from Auburn and Harry Williams from St. George.

Both these players have a point to prove. Hoszowski, side-lined last season after his club became reluctant to release him to play in PSL ranks, will be out to prove that his year of footballing purgatory has not been in vain.

For Harry Williams a successful season will annul the niggling doubts about his match fitness.

During a recent practice match Williams displayed the nippiness and ability to accelerate up the flank and the incisive, superbly timed tackling which elevated him to Socceroo stature; he certainly seems to be his old self once again.

With the acquisition of these mature players, plus the grooming of the young defensive talent in the club, the loss of Tony Henderson to Marconi will be less keenly felt.

The Canberra City team now has a profusion of mid-fielders, among others James Cant, John Davies, Steven Hogg, Ivan

Gruicic, and newcomers Mike Smith and Isaac Raffell to choose from.

Obviously, competition for places in the first team will be intense and will undoubtedly lead to more polished, midfield performances.

The forward attack, which has been the weakest part of the team, has yet to take shape.

Terry Byrne, the most successful striker last season, has been retained, while a more mobile Brian Stoddart could finally exploit his undoubted talent to the full and revitalise his hitherto dormant goal scoring reputation.

Ian Heywood, the club's energetic winger of last season, has "jumped the border" to join Monaro, while Isaac Farrell and Mike Smith, attacking midfielders, may yet make their mark in the forward line.

However, these imports will find stiff competition from skilful and enthusiastic young Canberrans, such as Phil Reis, Bernard Lustica and Jose Arquere.

These local players could definitely "fire" if given the opportunity.

Victor Fernandez, always the champion of local talent, is also trailing several locals from the domestic league and it seems likely that the ranks of local talent in the club will expand.

Off field, the Canberra City club has done itself proud. Its public image is commendable, its promotion imaginative and effective, its clubhouse is flourishing, while its supporters are a credit to the code.

If Victor Fernandez can instill cohesion and maturity into the team's play and especially formulate a winning forward line, then the faithful crowds at Bruce Stadium can indeed look forward to a successful season of capital soccer.

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DUE REWARD



Marin Alagich, former stalwart of Yugal, was recently awarded with the Yugoslav Football Association's gold medal for his services to sport. In 1974 he won the Marcel Nagy Soccer World award as the outstanding administrator of NSW. Our picture shows Alagich with the medal and the 1974 trophy.



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CUNNINGHAM IN ENGLAND SQUAD

West Bromwich's Cyrille Regis, overlooked when the Under-21s to face Wales were announced, seemed a good bet for a place in the full squad against Northern Ireland at Wembley on February 7.

But when England manager Greenwood made public his European championship names, Laurie Cunningham was in... Regis was out.

Ron Atkinson, manager of table-topping Albion, said: "I'm surprised Cyrille hasn't made either squad."

"He is the most devastating and dangerous centre-forward in the country. At 20, he is bursting with ability. He looks like scoring every time he goes into a game."

"He is a nice lad. If he was disappointed, he didn't show it."

To make room for Regis, Greenwood would have needed to leave out Bob Latchford or Tony Woodcock. He obviously was not prepared to do that.

Regis, in fact, failed to impress when he played for the Under-21s against Denmark. He also came on as a substitute for the "B" team in Czechoslovakia last November.

Greenwood says "Knowledge comes with experience, and Regis has time on his side."

Regis and Cunningham were expected to join Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson in broadening the black explosion and forming

ing a trio of coloured players in the squad.

Cunningham's inclusion puts pressure on Peter Barnes and Steve Coppell. They now know their status as England flank men is no longer automatic.

Cunningham, who outshone Argentinian ace Mario Kempes in a recent UEFA Cup match, said:

"I'm disappointed Cyrille hasn't been named, too. He has been playing every bit as well as me."

"Even so, this growing recognition of black players is tremendous."

Greenwood said: "Our view has always been that we want people to challenge Barnes or Coppell. The beauty of Cunningham is that he goes either side, right or left."

THE SQUAD

	Age	Caps
Clemence (L'pool.)	30	39
Shilton (Nott'm. For.)	29	26
Corrigan (Man. C.)	30	2
Neal (L'pool.)	27	15
Anderson (Nott'm. For.)	22	1
Watson (Man. C.)	31	37
Thompson (L'pool.)	25	11
Hughes (L'pool.)	31	56
Cherry (Leeds)	30	18
Mills (Ipswich)	30	21
Greenhoff, B. (Man. Utd.)	25	17

Currie (Leeds)	29	13	Keegan (Hamburg)	28	40
Brooking (W. Ham.)	29	25	Latchford (Everton)	28	5
Kennedy, R. (L'pool.)	27	11	Woodcock (Nott'm. For.)	21	3
Wilkins (Chelsea)	22	18	Barnes (Man. C.)	21	9
Coppell (Man. Utd.)	23	10	Cunningham (WBA)	22	0

BREITNER BLASTED

Bayern Munchen's Hungarian-born coach Gyula Lorant is officially on "sick leave" with his damaged knee — but the whole of Bavaria knows that he won't return to the club.

His clashes with president Neudecker and star player Breitner have "poisoned the atmosphere", as he says.

Chances are that Lorant will be paid his enormous contract (\$120,000 a year) and the team's coaching will stay in the hands of his assistant, Pal Csernai, another Hungarian — earning a more modest \$35,000.

While Bayern don't talk of the Lorant affair—and even pretend not to know his telephone number when journalists inquire — the ailing coach himself is as outspoken as ever.

The main target of his criticism is Paul Breitner, the "bad spirit" of Bayern.

"Breitner is overrated as a player," said Lorant last week, "and I proved it at several training sessions: he can't use his left foot, his heading technique is faulty."

"That's not what you expect from a player who cost \$850,000."

"But how will the president ever admit that he made a \$850,000 mistake? He won't. So, instead, they'll sack the coach."

"Even when they see that Breitner has made the whole team kaput."

"Four others have to do all his work because he refuses to run."

"Niedermayer spends most of his time covering up for Breitner, so that he can roam freely."

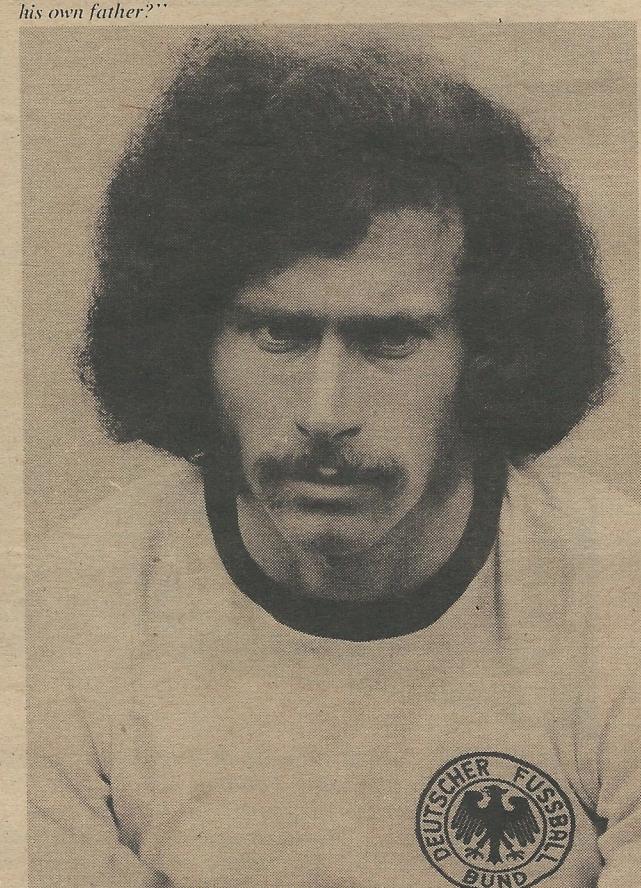
"And what does he do with his freedom? He can't make the play and he can't create."

"When somebody plays in a top team, he should pull his weight; not just for himself but also for the others."

"Breitner won't do that. He is an egoist in soccer, in his private life, in business, in everything. He always wants others to do his job."

"They say he is a political fanatic, a revolutionary spirit. Sure — but he is just as fanatical about wine, cars and clothes."

"How can one build him into an example to the younger players when one knows, for example, that for months he doesn't even talk to his own father?"



Breitner the rebel — now barred from West Germany's national team.



West Bromwich's striker Cyrille Regis, tipped to be the next colored player to appear for England.

- Canada has scored a considerable soccer triumph: Their Under-19 team finished second in the North American-Central American qualifying groups and will now play in the finals of the 1979 FIFA-Coca Cola World Youth Cup in Japan. The other representative of the group will be Mexico.

- Penarol won the Uruguay championship and Cup. The team is coached by former Brazilian star Dino Santi, at one stage on the books of AC Milan.

- Chile's representatives in the 1979 South American Cup will be Palestino and O'Higgins.

- Erwin Kostedde, the halfcaste West German star (American GI father) has joined the Belgian club, Standard Liege.

- Olympic Marseille have sacked their constantly squabbling manager, Josip Skoblar, and coach Vlatko Markovic, both Yugoslavs.

- Dukla Prague's average home attendance this season has been a meagre 3,000 — but away they averaged 7,000. Some first division games in Czechoslovakia are watched by less than 1,000 people.

- Luis Cesar Menotti, Argentina's World Cup coach, is considering a big offer from neighbouring Uruguay. The Argentinian fans are in an uproar and demand to know why their own association cannot meet the financial terms of Menotti when the infinitely smaller and poorer Uruguay can?

- Hansi Mueller, VfB Stuttgart's young star, has declined a big offer from an Italian club for the 1979-80 season.

- It's now almost certain that handsome French ace Michel Platini will play for Inter Milan next term.

- Jose Iribar, Spain's international goalie, will stand for Parliament at the forthcoming elections. His party is the Basque Underground Movement which demands that if any of their candidates win a seat — they refuse to sit in Madrid's Parliament.

- Mexico has invited Holland, Spain and Tunisia for an international tournament in the spring of 1980.

- Paulo Cesar, the erratic star of Botafogo, Rio, will play without a contract next season, getting \$2600 per match instead.

- Kevin Keegan has ended speculation about his future when, amidst all the fanfare of TV cameras, he signed another year's contract with Hamburg. "I could have earned more money elsewhere, especially in the USA, but here I enjoy my soccer," he added.

- Norwich City will spend some \$1,600,000 to modernise their stadium and build a new stand for some 12,000. A lot of the money comes from \$160 loans from supporters which they'll get back without interest.

- Liverpool star Emlyn Hughes will have his benefit match on March 27 when his team will play Borussia Monchengladbach at Anfield.

- FC Köln's master coach Hennes Weisweiler recently dismissed speculation about his possible move to Saudi Arabia. "I can't," he said, "they don't sell beer there."

- Franz Krankl, Barcelona's Austrian sharpshooter, was on target recently — he banged in five of his team's nine goals against Rayo Vallecano.

- Polish star Deyna is upset about being a reserve in Manchester City and asked manager Tony Book never to leave him on the bench again. Said Book: "I like his competitive spirit..."

- Coventry's bid of \$690,000 for Kevin Beattie, of Ipswich, has been rejected with a polite "no thanks".

- Argentinian star Bertoni continues to have trouble in Spain: the Sevilla ace has been suspended for three weeks for abusing a referee.

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